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PROBLEM

This project provides for the continuation of the internal and external progress of the Machine Indexing Project into 1953 in order to determine whether the new indexing system can be put to a practical application in CIA within a reasonable period of time and allocates $67,500 to the project for FY 1953.

FACTS BEARING ON THE PROBLEM

The present CIA indexing system is not adequate for CIA research purposes because it uses equipment designed primarily for accounting purposes which lacks selectivity. IBM is designing new machines capable of the selectivity and collation needed, which should be available at the end of this year. The purpose of the Machine Indexing Project is to create the necessary elaborate code.

The project was initiated on a small scale at [ ] in September 1950 (Project OSI-57-51) and continued last year under Project ORR-57-52.

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It is now proposed to place the entire program under the Office of Organization and Methods Service (D/A) because it is broader than the needs of OSI or ORR alone. The proposed program consists of an internal program in OSI on scientific intelligence matters and a supporting external program at [ ] under [ ].

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No Agency funds have been or will be used for development of the machines, this being financed entirely by IBM.

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That the continuation of the Machine Indexing Project during FY 1953 be approved and that funds be allocated to it for that fiscal year in the amount of $67,500.

CONCUR:

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